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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHANG ET AL.

Examiner

John J. Vrablik

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The fluid control elements are claimed as either control blades or ribs. It is not clear what constitutes a control blade as opposed to a rib. The disclosure describes control elements 111 and 311 as blades, and 211 and 411 as ribs. The detailed description must be amended in response to this office action to clarify the difference between a control blade and a rib.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Nobuyuki (Fig. 3). The reference shows an outlet airflow direction control unit,

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comprising a frame (17) having an inlet and an outlet, the outlet being provided on a peripheral wall with a plurality of radially projected fluid control elements (13) (claims 1-3); the inlet being provided on a peripheral wall with a plurality of radially projected fluid control elements (11) (claims 4-6); a fan (12) being supported in the frame; whereby when the fan is rotated to cause an amount of fluid to flow into and out of the frame via the inlet and the outlet, respectively, said fluid control elements provided in the frame are adapted to control a flow direction of the fluid flown out of the outlet as claimed.

Claims 1-3 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by any of Marshall (Fig. 4), Lievens et al. (Fig. 3) and Takahashi (Fig. 4). Each of the references shows an outlet flow direction control unit, comprising an outlet being provided on a peripheral wall with a plurality of radially projected fluid control elements (g in Marshall, 26 in Lievens et al. and 3 in Takahashi) to control a flow direction of fluid flown out of the outlet as recited.

Claims 4-6 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by McElroy et al. (Fig. 2). The reference shows an outlet airflow direction control unit, comprising an inlet being provided on a peripheral wall with a plurality of radially projected fluid control elements (30) adapted to control a flow direction of fluid flown out of the outlet as claimed.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Larson (46), Amr (22) and Horng et al. (24) further show fluid control elements in the outlet.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John J. Vrablik whose telephone number is (703) 308-2629, after November 22, 2004 the number will be (571) 272-4869. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E. Denion can be reached on (703) 308-2623, after November 22, 2004 the number will be (571) 272-4859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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